

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 305
By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to commend April Sutton for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, April Sutton is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder, Speaker of the Senate; April's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Governor Wilder and his staff, the other Senators she assisted, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a junior at Vanderbilt University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, April has achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, April has attained an exemplary 3.689 grade point average while pursuing a double major in Sociology and American and Southern Studies; and

WHEREAS, this stellar scholar has been honored with the Susan Ford Wiltshire Essay Prize for composing the Best Undergraduate Student Essay of 2005, and she has become a fixture on the Vanderbilt University Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, April has served as a research assistant in the Political Science Department and was a Presidential Preference Primary volunteer in 2004; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Sutton is also a member of the Sociology Majors and Minors Association, Vandy Fanatics, and Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies and previously served as a feature twirler in The Spirit of Gold, the Vanderbilt University Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, April has volunteered her time and considerable talents as a tutor for Habitat for Humanity and Vanderbuddies and as a project coordinator for Hands On Nashville, and she supports several other worthy charitable and civic causes; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 graduate of Clinch County, Georgia High School, Ms. Sutton was Valedictorian of her class and a Star Student; and

WHEREAS, during her high school career, this exceptional young lady served her classmates and peers with distinction as Senior Class President and Senior Beta President, and she was honored with the Mock Trial Region Outstanding Attorney Award, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award, and the Presidential Service Award; and

WHEREAS, possessing the true spirit of the Renaissance, April has also worked as a News Election Stringer for UPI and has participated in various mission projects with M-Fuge; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Tennessee's Capital City, Ms. Sutton is a vital member of GracePointe Church in Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Sutton brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, April Sutton has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sutton has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend April Sutton for her outstanding service as a legislative intern for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder, Speaker of the Senate, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

